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¶1. (U) As requested by U.S. and pledged by the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Reftel (A), Djibouti's Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued the following press release October 13 in support of the Iraqi Constitution Referendum:

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Government of the Republic of Djibouti is pleased with the progress recorded in the current political process underway and notably the recent amendments made to the draft Constitution last Wednesday, and encourages the Iraqi people to take part in voting which will take place Saturday October 15, 2005.

The referendum, which will take place Saturday on the draft constitution, opens favorable prospects for Iraq and sets the stage for the return of stability, peace and development and this to the great benefit of the brotherly people of Iraq.

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Djibouti, 13 October 2005

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End text.

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